

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TRAVELING TO THE UNITED STATES**

THE U.S. MISSION TO GERMANY URGES TRAVELERS TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION BELOW TO ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS.

### **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

- **CHILDREN'S AUSWEISE and PASSPORTS** issued on or after October 26, 2006, are NOT/NOT valid for visa-free travel. A U.S. Visa is required. Children MAY travel visa-free on regular, electronic passports.
- **GERMAN TEMPORARY PASSPORTS** are NOT/NOT valid for visa-free travel. A U.S. visa is required.
- **ELECTRONIC PASSPORTS (E-PASSPORTS)** are required for visa-free travel for all passports issued or extended after 26 October, 2006, regardless of where they were issued.

### **OBTAINING A U.S. VISA**

- **ELECTRONIC VISA APPLICATION FORM (EAVF)** is required for all U.S. non-immigrant visas. Failure to use the EAVF will result in significant delays. The form is available at <http://evisaforms.state.gov/>
- **ONLINE APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING FOR ALL GERMANY** is now available 24 hours a day for only 10 EUR! Book your appointment at [www.usvisa-germany.com](http://www.usvisa-germany.com). Live service is still available within Germany at 0900 1-850055 (1,86 EUR/minute).
- **VISA RENEWALS** are conducted by appointment only. Please see <http://germany.usembassy.gov/germany/visa/index.html> for documentary requirements for various visa categories.

### **STUDENT, INTERN, AND EXCHANGE VISITORS**

- **STUDENTS AND EXCHANGE VISITORS** (F and J visa holders) may enter the U.S. up to 30 days prior to the start date of their programs. If one enters the U.S. more than 30 days prior, one must exit and re-enter using the visa to be in legal status.
- **ALL INTERSHIPS (INCLUDING PRIVATE)** must be on a J-1 visa, regardless of compensation, duration, or sponsorship. A DS-2019 is required. See <http://germany.usembassy.gov> for more information about educational exchange opportunities.
- **PRIVATE STUDY** requires a DS-2019 (J-1) or I-20 (F-1), even if the student will reside with a relative. Public or private school attendance on a visitor visa or the Visa Waiver Program is strictly prohibited.